

Gaiety Theatre Dublin

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NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 10, 1977

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presents

International Opera Season

TONIGHT :

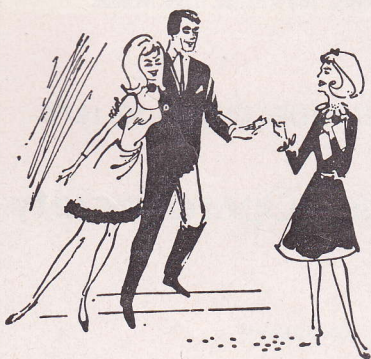
Werther

(JULES MASSENET)





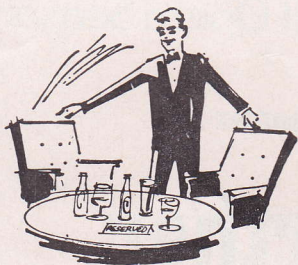
A GAIETY EVENING



FIRST ACT

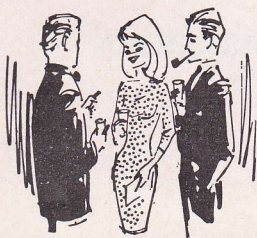
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Bars open 7.30 p.m. Order and pay for drinks for the interval.



INTERVAL

Your drinks are ready and waiting for you at your table. You're saved time and trouble.



ENCORE

Relax after the show. Have a drink. The bars are always open for half an hour after curtain fall.

FINALE

We trust you enjoyed your Gaiety evening come again!

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SOUTH KING STREET, DUBLIN 2

Resident Manager : JOE KEARNS

Telegrams : Gaiety Dublin

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Nightly 7.45 p.m.

Tannhäuser 7.30 p.m.

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with

RADIO TELEFIS EIREANN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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INTERNATIONAL SEASON OF OPERA

LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR

(Donizetti)

WERTHER

(Massenet)

TANNHÄUSER

(Wagner)

Guest Artistes

SHARON BENNETT, PETER BINDER, FRANCO BONANOME,
CONNEL BYRNE, BRENDAN CAVANAGH, MARIA CLAUSOVA,
FRANK DUNNE, BERNADETTE GREEVY, PETER McBRIEN,
SEAN MITTEN, ION PISO, TERRY REID, IRENE SANDFORD,
SALVATORE SASSU, AURIO TOMICICH, WILLIAM YOUNG.
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Choreographer : JOAN DENISE MORIARTY



Commencing December 26th, 1977
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Choreographer : Geni O'Kelly

Script by : Warren O'Connell

Technical Director : Lorcan Bourke

Directed by URSULA DOYLE

Produced by FRED O'DONOVAN

PRICES :

From December 26, 1977 to January 2, 1978

Dress Circle £2.50; Parterre £2; Front Circle £1.50;
Back Circle £1.

Matinees : Dress Circle £2; Parterre £1.50;
Front Circle £1; Back Circle 50p

From January 3, 1978

Dress Circle £2 ;Parterre £2 and £1.75;

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Saturday Evenings : Dress Circle £2.50;

Parterre £2; Front Circle £1.50; Back Circle £1.

Matinee : Dress Circle £1.50; Parterre £1.25;

Front Circle £1; Back Circle 50p.



WERTHER

ACT ONE

The Magistrate, a widower, is rehearsing (in July!) his children in a Christmas carol while the eldest Charlotte is preparing to go to a ball with her cousin, Werther, a poet. The Magistrate's friends, Schmidt and Johann, tell us about Werther's melancholy nature and of Albert, Charlotte's fiancé who has been absent almost a year. Having given her young brothers and sisters their bread-and-butter supper, Charlotte leaves with Werther. Albert has come home and is reassured by Sophie, Charlotte's sister, that Charlotte is faithful to him. Returned from the ball, Werther declares his love to Charlotte. She returns his feelings but tells him that at the wish of her dying mother she had pledged herself to marry Albert. Werther replies "If you fulfil that promise, I shall die."

ACT TWO

A Sunday afternoon three months later. The villagers are celebrating their pastor's golden wedding. Charlotte is married happily enough to Albert. Werther sings of his despair. Albert attempts to console him and Sophie begs him to dance with her at the festivities. Charlotte, when Werther tells her he still loves her hopelessly, suggests he transfer his affections to Sophie and begs him not to see her again before Christmas. In a black mood Werther refuses to dance with Sophie, declares he is going away never to return and departs leaving everybody rather disturbed.

ACT THREE

Scene 1. Christmas has come. We find Charlotte re-reading all Werther's letters. Despite herself she still loves him but prays for fortitude. Without warning, Werther re-appears, unable to keep his vow to stay away. There is a passionate duet where Werther quotes from "Ossian" in the famous air "Pourquoi me reveiller". Charlotte leaves him and Werther rushes out saying he is going to his death. Indeed soon after, Albert receives a note from Werther asking him to lend him his pistols as he is going on a long journey. Charlotte hurries away hoping to avert a tragedy.

After an Intermezzo, Scene 2 opens in Werther's room. He has indeed shot himself and is dying when Charlotte reaches him. She blames herself for the tragedy and tells Werther she had loved him from the beginning. He is made happy by this and by Charlotte's first kiss. Outside the children sing the carol they had been rehearsing for the past six months.

Tuesday 29th November

Thursday 1st December

Wer

by JULES

Libretto by Edovard Blau, Paul Mil

Based on Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe's nove

(By arrangement with UNITED MUSIC

Place : WETZLAR GERMANY

DRAMATIS

Werther (a poet)

The Magistrate

Schmidt

Johann

(his friends)

Charlotte (his daughter)

Albert (her fiancé)

Sophie (sister of Charlotte)

Girls : ST. PETER'S

Boys : ST. CONLE

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Conductor : **ALBERT ROSEN**

RTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Sets designed by DARIO MICHELI

and built in the Gaiety Workshop.

Saturday 3rd December

Thursday 8th December

Werther

MASSENET

Milliet and Georges Hartmann

Libretto by Adolphe Belloc, "Die Leiden des Jungen Werthers."

Published by THE PUBLISHERS LTD., London)

Time : 1772

CAST PERSONAE

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SEAN MITTEN

BRENDAN CAVANAGH

PETER McBRIEN

BERNADETTE GREEVY

WILLIAM YOUNG

TERRY REID

CHORUS CHOIR, PHIBSBORO

THEATRE, CLYDE ROAD

Approval of the Headmaster)

Producer & Designer : **DARIO MICHELI**

Lighting by **SEAN BURKE**

Costumes by **S. B. WATTS & CO. LTD., MANCHESTER**



FOR GAIETY THEATRE

Stage Manager : PADDY JONES

Assistant Stage Manager : GEORGE McFALL

Chief Electrician : SEAN BURKE

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